

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Vaccination of Children under ICDS Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme also covers basic vaccination of young children in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of children benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, launched in 1975, is a centrally sponsored flagship scheme of the Government of India implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations with the objectives, a) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group 0-6 years; b) to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child; c) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropouts; d) to achieve effective co-ordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and e) to enhance the capability of the mothers to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the children through proper nutrition and health education.

These objectives are achieved by providing a package of six services by Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)/ Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) under the ICDS scheme, viz., Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school non-formal education, Nutrition & Health Education, Immunization, Health check-up and Referral services.

Three of the six services viz., immunization, health check-up and referral services are related to health and are provided by Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wife (ANM)/Medical Officer (MO) of NRHM & Public Health Infrastructure. The target groups for these services are children below 6 years and pregnant and lactating mothers.

(b) The details of number of children benefited under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) as per Health Management Information System (HMIS) 2016-17, State-UT-wise is given at Annexure.
